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Dear Interested Party,

Mr. Shane Cross has submitted a Special Use Permit application for the authorization to provide outfitter and guide services to the public on National Forest System land in the Laramie Mountains in Albany and Converse Counties, Wyoming. Mr. Cross intends to provide services for camping, hiking, horseback riding, rock climbing and related services. The Douglas District Ranger is responsible for accomplishing public involvement and analyzing the environmental effects of the proposal, and for reaching a decision as to whether or not, and if so how to permit this commercial recreational land use to proceed. For a detailed description of the Proposed Action, Purpose and Need for the project, project Area Description and the Decision to Be Made, refer to the Scoping Statement and map attached. Larger scale maps of specific proposed activity areas are available by request.

This letter serves as notice of the beginning of the environmental analysis process to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. You are invited to provide comment and identify any concerns of issues you may have about the proposed permitting of the outfitter guide land use that has been applied for.

Please, submit your written comments on this project to the Douglas Ranger District Office at the address shown at the top of this letter by: **January 27, 2003.**

Questions about this proposal should be directed to Marcia Rose-Ritchie, Recreation Technician, or Bill Steenson, Environmental Coordinator, Douglas Ranger District 2250 East Richards Street Douglas WY 82633, telephone (307) 358-4690, or e-mail Marcia at: mroseritchie@fs.fed.us. The Scoping Statement is available for viewing or downloading on the World Wide Web at: www.fs.fed.us/resourcemgmt/forestprojects.shtml

Sincerely,

NORMAN L. WAGONER
District Ranger



